



Waiatarua Community News

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Local News...

...For Local People

Apologies to Paul Osbourne for omitting his name from Musings From The Mountains last month. Never has a truer word been spoken re the rollout of the new council recycling.

At the time of writing, we are still getting a rubbish truck on the old pickup day, the new day and one more for good luck at the end of the week just to make sure it's gone. I'm sure it will come right soon.

Circumstances beyond the WRRRA's control changed the date of the Meet The Candidates night to a few days later.

I hope nobody was left standing out in the cold. It successfully went ahead and one of the candidates said it was "the feistiest meeting yet". It always good to see them onstage bickering with each other before potential voters. It really helps to make one's mind up.

Finding weed control on your property overwhelming? Join the Waiatarua Weed Action Group - volunteer a couple of hours once a month and you too will have the group help get on top of your property!



Saturday 15th October - 6.30pm (doors open 6pm)

Waiatarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

Moot: "That The West Is Always Best"

Tickets \$37 or \$40 for non-members. Pre-paid tickets only – Purchase now!
Ph Robyn O'Sullivan on 814 1143 or email: munster@ihug.co.nz

Food by The Refreshment Room.
BYO Beverage.

!!! Spot Prizes !!!

Adjudicator: Lyndsay Whittle.

Yeahs:

Melanie Reid
(well-known investigative journalist)

David Cunliffe
(A man who leans to the left..)

Phil Prendeville
(Journalism Producer)

Nahs:

Michelle Clayton
(Bringing a serious sense of humour)

Estelle Clifford
(*"Classic Hits"*)

Ruth Gregory
(*"calm, clear and decisive"*)

Contact Rita at sciencemademedoit@gmail.com for more detail!

Next quiz night coming up on the 19th November.

Waiatarua Spring Clean is on the 5th November from 8.30am - 11.30am.

Please assemble at the hall. Our area of focus will be West Coast road to Kellys road through to Forest Hill and back to West Coast road.

If you do not want to/cannot come to the hall, then ravage your road frontage + 200 meters each side for any rubbish. Place in a bag (contact WRRRA for a bag or two...we have heaps) and leave outside your gate. Any large items please place in a pile. It will be collected!

For those who come to the hall (with a bag of rubbish from your area) light refreshments will be provided.

As always, the committee appreciates the way the community supports these events.

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Waiatarua Community Patrol Update:

Robert Cook

Waiatarua CPNZ members recently attended a training session for the management of road traffic incidents. The session was run by our own Les Duffield. Many other West Auckland CPNZ groups attended as well.

The session provided patrollers with some knowledge and skills for handling incidents on our roads, which, we all know, are particularly prone to accidents. With the roads getting busier as summer approaches, we will be out and about helping to manage these situations.



Waitakere Forest & Bird Talk:

Vespid Wasps.

Dr. Jacqueline Beggs, Associate Professor School of Biological Sciences (Auckland University) describes how introduced Vespid Wasps (especially the German and Common species) pose such a major threat to our native ecosystems and what solutions are available.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 20th October at 7:30pm

Venue: Kelston Community Centre, cnr Awaroa/Great North Rd.

Non members welcome, join us for supper afterwards.

Please accept my Membership to the Waiatarua Ratepayers & Residents

Association

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ \$10 household.

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To: Treasurer, WRRRA, 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua, Waitakere City, or leave at the library Bank details: 12 3051 0278313 00 WRRRA

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Advertising & Community Notices

Commercial advertisements are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Robyn O'Sullivan, munster@ihug.co.nz, ph 814 1143.

Community Notices are free to current financial members.

Any houses available to rent in the Waiatarua area?? Please call/email The Editor.

Art Classes: Pathway Studio & Gallery, 786 West Coast Road Oratia. Ph Carol 814 9438/021 033 0055

Better Scrapbooking Ltd: Regular Scrapbooking workshops as well as other regular scrapbooking and cardmaking classes. Supplies available. 153 Solar Road, Glen Eden. Megan ph: 818-2045

Handyman Out West. Any work undertaken. House and property maintenance, renovation and decoration eg gutter cleaning, water blasting, deck building, tree felling, painting etc. Reliable and friendly. Phone Mike 814 9708.

Lawn mowing and section clean ups. Ph Grant at Top Grass Ltd. 8149493 mob 02102475610

Plants: Bromeliads \$5 - \$6; Taros, cannas and various shrubs \$4 - \$5. All sales to Nepalese Educ Trust. Phone Margaret 814 9859.

Table Tennis every Wednesday at the Hall, 7-9pm. No experience needed, all equipment supplied. \$2 per week. Contact Tony 8149860 or email tony.bacon@sthw.co.nz

The Oratia Community Church: On the corner of Parker & West Coast roads. Fellowship meets on second Thursday of the month at 1pm in the Church Hall. Ph 813 9869 for information.

Tiler/Stone Layer: 21 years experience in the trade, available for indoor or outdoor projects, large or small. Phone Craig Starr 021 610 408.

Waiatarua Playcentre: 911 West Coast Road, Waiatarua. Phone 09 814 8835. Sessions: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am 12.30pm.

Zumba with Grace... Thursday 7pm-8pm Oratia Settlers Hall. Ditch the workout, come join the party! Cost \$10 per class Grace ph: 818-2046

Hello Waiatarua!

This week I attended two great events out west.

On Tuesday 13 September, WRRRA hosted a Meet the Candidates evening at the Waiatarua Community Centre in the hall. It was great to see five Ward Council candidates show up; Penny Hulse, Linda Cooper, Ken Turner, Greg Presland and an individual whose name escapes me, but who apparently once threatened to sue the WRRRA; perhaps best I can't recall.

There were also around a dozen Waitakere Local Board candidates who came which was impressive to see. The engagement and relevance of the questions to our local area was great to see. We have an audio recording of the event and by the time you read this it will be available on our website at www.waiatarua.org.nz.

The second event was a celebration arranged by Eco Matters to award those out West who have contributed the most to caring for or re-establishing the natural environment through flora or fauna care.

I'm proud to say that the very young Waiatarua Weed Taskforce was nominated for the Rata award. The effort and dedication of others outranked our efforts to date but it was pretty inspiring to see what other weed and pest warriors are doing out west. We are not alone!

A big shout out to Rita too, our environment spokesperson. She managed to pretty much give birth to her first child and the Weed Taskforce almost on the same day! Congratulations Rita and Will!

See you at the Great Waiatarua Debate!

Peter Casey
president@waiatarua.org.nz

From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

We're celebrating the return of The Great Waiatarua Debate this month and bookings are essential.

As soon as you've read this, get on the email and make your bookings and if you're new to the shire and not yet a member of the WRRRA, then now would be a good time to spend the ten dollars and buy your membership (or renew for 2017 year) along with your tickets.

Savings and local info...what more could you ask for?

From The Library.

Jeanette Ziesler.

"The Unburnt Egg" - Brian Gill. Brilliant book. The author tells about the unravelling of the mysteries of many items in the natural history collection at our Auckland museum. These often bizarre tales tell of the amazing detective work required to authenticate the items in the collection. Why did the Huia die out? Read the book. By the way - the unburnt egg is a moa egg untouched after being in a house fire.

"The Death Of An Owl" - Paul Torday. In the UK barn owl is a protected species and it is a crime to kill one. The stage for this political drama is set in the 70's when an aspiring politician is in his youth but already living a privileged life. Later in life he becomes a candidate for the party leadership and can afford no scandal. However, when a barn owl flies into his windscreen and dies the dilemma becomes to own up or shut up. The last book from Paul Torday and another goodie.

"A Million Years In A Day" - Greg Jenner. Think of all those things you do day after day. Built around these daily tasks Jenner has written of the origins and development of our daily rituals. Teeth cleaning, rubbish collection and disposal, mealtimes - the history of all these and more is explored in this book.

"The Kiwi Pair" - Hamish Murray & Eric Bond. They came home from Rio with their latest gold medal and have been world champions since 2009. This has only been achieved by dedication and hard work. These 2 men with totally different personalities share the secret of their success, their determination and the highs and lows of their careers.

Plus, of course we have the new Richie McCaw book.

Fire Brigade News:

Ian Ford

If you call an ambulance, don't be surprised if a fire engine turns up as well. The number of medical calls for fire brigades - including ours - has increased after an agreement between St John and the Fire Service for firefighters to be dispatched to all potentially life-threatening incidents. These include chest pains, sudden collapse, cardiac and respiratory arrest. All fire appliances carry defibrillators and oxygen. Research shows that if both a fire appliance and an ambulance are dispatched at the same time then the closest possible resource arrives first, so CPR and defibrillator use can begin earlier which improves survival chances. The presence of firefighters then frees up ambulance staff to administer their drug therapy.

Recent Calls:

5:54 pm, Thu 25 Aug	Scenic Drive	Slip across road
8:51 pm, Fri 26 Aug	Scenic Drive	Tree across road
10:10 am, Sat 27 Aug	Forest Hill Rd	Car rolled
10:48 pm, Sat 27 Aug	West Coast Rd	Car rolled
4:31 am, Sat 3 Sep	Mountain Rd	Van on fire
6:28 pm, Sat 3 Sep	Scenic Drive	Car in ditch
4:44 am, Tue 13 Sep	Rimu Rd	Medical assistance

Where should I put smoke alarms?

Smoke rises and moves along the ceiling. It will move up stairwells and vertical openings. When it can't rise any more it will build up, working its way down again. This means placing your smoke alarms on the ceiling will get you the earliest possible warning. If you must position it on the wall put it 100mm away from the ceiling to avoid dead air pockets.

We recommend installing long-life photoelectric type smoke alarms in every bedroom, living area, and hallway - on every level in the house. However this is not always practical. At an absolute minimum that a long-life photoelectric type smoke alarm should be installed in the hallway closest to the bedrooms.

Most fire fatalities happen at night when people are sleeping and don't smell the smoke. Working smoke alarms are the best way to make sure you and your family get an early warning of a fire so you can get out alive.

Contacts: Always phone 111 for any fire or emergency. Otherwise please contact Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871) or Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505).

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